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SUBJECT:

THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY, INC.

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Rebulet 7/31/56.

Rebulet requested Los Angeles to furnish any current information concerning captioned organization or its publications, but that no active investigation be conducted.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to other offices for their information because chapters of the Society exist within their territories.

Set forth herein is a brief survey of the activities of the Society since the closing report of SA dated 12/31/53 at Los Angeles. For the information of offices which have not received prior reports, some background on the Society is set forth. The sources of the information contained herein are, in most instances, publications of the Society or confidential sources who have furnished reliable information in the past. No report is being submitted because no security problem appears to exist.

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A review of the available newsletters circulated by the Southern Area Council covering Los Angeles and vicinity reflects the following activity of the Mattachine Society and the Mattachine Society, Inc. and its chapters:

Newsletter 1/1/54 reflects that the California State Dept. of Health made an inquiry of the Society for assistance in curbing venereal disease among sexual variants. It also reflects that a research project was being conducted by Research Chapter #104 entitled, "Lesbian Research Program," wherein it was announced that this program was being conducted in cooperation with volunteer psychologists, and that the Society was assisting in every way possible. Also announced was a blood bank party which was organized by the Southern Area Council for the purpose of donating blood to the hemophilic fund. The balance of the letter contains notes concerning the activities of the various chapters in the Los Angeles area; a reprint from an article in "Time Magazine" of 12/28/53 captioned, "The Hidden Problem" which dealt with the murder of his parents by a homosexual; and a book review of the book, The Heart in Exile." This letter also notes attention being given to the problem of homosexuals in London, England, and some discussions which have occurred in the English Parliament.

Newsletter 3/1/54 announces that the Mattachine Society was supporting a legal case involving a technical point of law and appeals for funds. It also contains an article on who must register under the state or city law requiring the registration of sexual deviates, plus general notes concerning the activities of chapters and the Area Councils.

Newsletter 4/1/54 notes that funds were needed to prepare transcripts on the "Slade Case" which was being tested in the courts and which the Mattachine Society, Inc. was supporting. It also notes that Dr. WARDELLYPOMEROY, assistant to Dr. ALFRED/KINSEY, was in Los Angeles and had been in consultation with representatives of the Mattachine Society in connection with a survey being made by Dr. KINSEY to be published under the title, "The Sex Offender and the Law."



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At the request of

I am enclosing

herewith a copy of the "Problems of Sexual Behavior" by Alfred

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Trusting that you will find it interesting, I am

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On February 18, 1957.

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Between April 4, and May 23, 1956, she attended a course at the University of Chicago entitled "Are American Sex Patterns Changing?", at which Professor ALFRED C. KINSEY of the University of Indiana was one of the lecturers.

charge of this series of lectures.

The Sex Study Association was subsequently formed, and it was her opinion that was attempting to direct the activities of the organization and to promote ideas through two of the leaders of the organization, which was developing into a group interested in unnatural sex activities and sex perversion.

She believed was "subversive" in that he was interested in changing the laws of Illinois regarding "social sex standards." She did not believe that was connected with the CP and did not believe he would be interested in the overthrow of the Government of the United States.

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TO

MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM

W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT:

FUNDS AND FOUNDATIONS
INFORMATION CONCERNING
CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

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Reference is made to the Director's expressed interest in the security aspects of funds and foundations.

History Set Forth

Attached herewith is a blind memorandum setting forth the results of a pilot research study conducted into those funds and foundations having an actual—or potential—influence upon the internal security of the United States and the foreign policies of our Government. It includes a brief history of the development of charitable foundations as they exist today, an analysis of their wealth and influence, and the subversive or questionable causes in which a number of them have invested their tax—exempt funds.

Salient Features

Following are a few of the more interesting and impressive facts drawn from the attached study:

Foundations have a tremendous influence on Americans today if only from the sheer number of organizations involved and the colossal accumulations of wealth at their disposal. The Department of Commerce estimates, for example, that there is a minimum of 7, 300 charitable bodies operating in the United States at the present time and, of these, the Ford Foundation alone is estimated to be worth approximately \$2,500,000,000.

Enclosure

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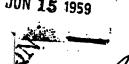
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Advisory Council

As if this stranglehold on the training ground of youth were not enough, a council to finance higher education was created by officials of the Ford, Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Alfred P. Sloan foundations, each of which contributes \$60,000 annually to its upkeep. The money, strangely enough, goes not to direct support of higher education, but to pay a staff which advises corporations on how to spend their money, and colleges and universities on how to get it. (24)

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Sex Studies Financed

No better instance of a reputable name being lent to enhance an unsavory cause can be found than that offered by the Rockefeller Foundation's support of the Kinsey sex studies. Between 1941 and 1949, the foundation poured approximately \$414,000 into the controversial researches of Dr. Alfred Kinsey and his intrepid band of assistants. (26) As a result of these subsidized studies, Dr. Kinsey's book, Sexual Behavior in the Human Female, was able to stun the American public with some highly startling "revelations." A few of these include the theories that: (1) sexual relations between preadolescent children and adults (rape not being excluded) may have "contributed favorably to

^{*}See Appendix for Citation.

their (the children's) later socio-sexual development" (27); (2) "...pre-marital socio-sexual experience...should contribute to this development of emotional capacities. In this, as in other areas, learning at an early age may be more effective than learning at any later age after marriage" (28); and (3) premarital sexual experience "provides an opportunity for the female to adjust emotionally to various types of males....we have seen many hundreds of marriages ruined by the failure of the partners to learn before marriage that they could not adjust emotionally or sexually to each other." (29)

Proxy Reputation

So contrary to accepted codes of morality and behavior were these theories and observations, that an article in Harper's Magazine exclaimed "they would be unbelievable but for the impressive weight of scientific agencies backing the survey." (30) Among the agencies so listed by the writer of the article were the Rockefeller Foundation's Medical Science Division and the University of Indiana.

"Unofficial" State Department

If anyone maintains that the money and influence behind some of the major foundations dealing in foreign relations could not affect the decisions of certain government officials in the performance of their duties, then he is not facing facts. As far back as a quarter of a century ago, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace was boasting that it had become "an unofficial instrument of international" policy, taking up here and there the ends and threads of international problems and questions which the governments find it difficult to handle, and through private initiative reaching conclusions which are not of a formal nature but which unofficially find their way into the policies of governments." (31) Nor was this boast an empty or meaningless one. An individual who has made a study of the activities of the Rockefeller Foundation, for instance, has credited it with exerting the pressure that led to the recognition of Soviet Russia by the United States during the 1930s. His reason for the pressure? Standard Oil's desire to negotiate oil contracts with the Soviet leaders. (32) As will be brought out later, under the individual organizations, wholesale lots of officials or trustees of various foundations have been--or are--employed by the United States Department of State.

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July 25, 1942

Professor Alfred C. Kinsey
Department of Zoology
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Professor Kinsey:

Your letter dated July 8, 1942, addressed to the Government Printing Office, has been referred to this Bureau, and I wish to advise that it is not possible to furnish you copies of the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin at the present time. Due to the acute paper shortage the bulletin has been restricted in distribution to duly constituted law enforcement officers.

For your information, however, the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin is presently being furnished to the library at Indiana University and it is suggested you may wish to arrange for these copies to be available to you for research purposes.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover Director

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY
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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

July 9, 1942

U. S. Government Printing Office Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

We should like to enter a subscription to your Uniform Crime Reports. We are engaged in research here in our laboratories, under a National Research Council grant, which involves the constant use of data on certain types of crime. Will you, therefore, please let us know the cost of a current subscription?

If it is possible, we should like to secure a complete set for the past ten years or so. Would it be possible to buy complete volumes for any of the past years? At what price?

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Alfred Colinsey Professor of Zoology

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THE TOURS WELFARE AND SERVICE CLUB:

CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
OBSCENE MATTER

EYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. ALPRED C. KINSEY, Professor, Zoology

Dr. ALFRED C. KINSEY, Professor, Zoology
Department, Indiana State University, interviewed at Philadelphia, and states he never
heard of the YOUTH WELFARE AND SERVICE CLUB,
or of its sponsors; that he has no knowledge
of anyone's attempting to use the manual
entitled, "THE YOUTH WELFARE AND SERVICE CLUB"
at Indiana University.

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Report of Special Agent
at Chicago, Ill.

Report of Special Agent
Indianapolis, Ind., 4/11/20.

dated 11/17/44,

dated at

DETAILS:

Dr. ALFRED C. KINSEY, Professor, Zoology Department, Indiana State University, was contacted on April 25, 1945, at Philadelphia, Pace.

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Dr. KINSEY stated that he had never heard of THE YOUTH WELFARE AND SERVICE CLUB. He also did not know, or had never heard of subject!

COPIES DESTROYED Dr. KINSEY stated that he had no knowledge of anyone's ever attempting to use the manual entitled, "THE YOUTH WELFARE AND 15 1965 SERVICE CLUB" at Indiana State University

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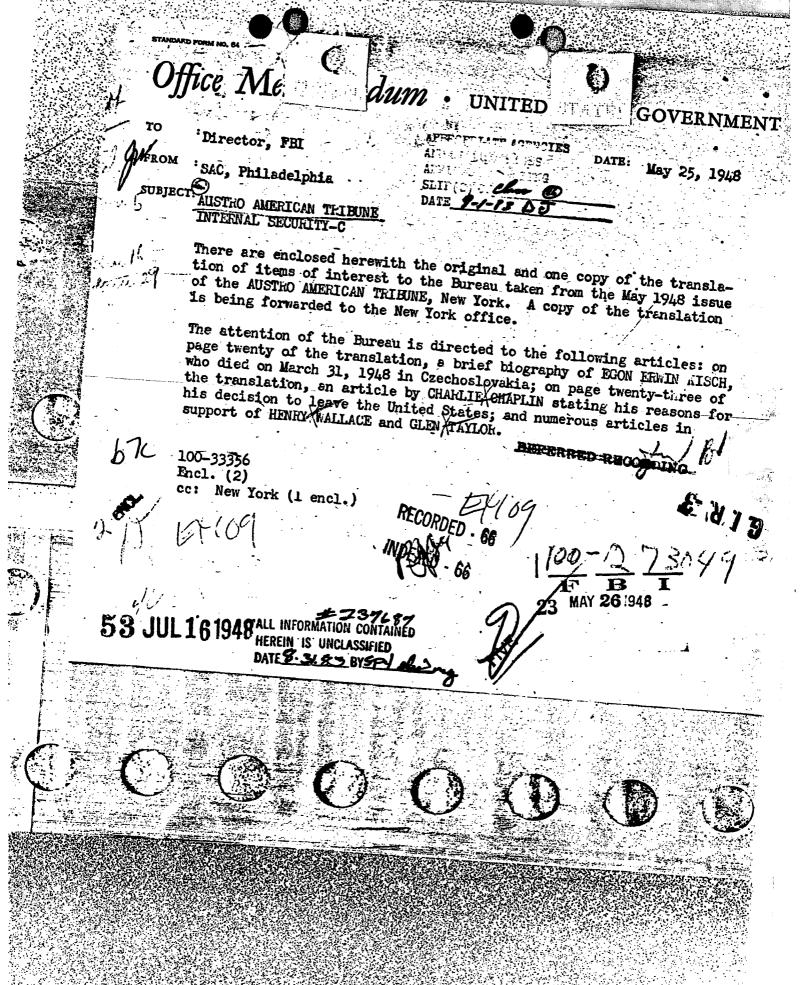
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Dr. KINSEY advised that in addition to his duties as a professor of Zoology, at Indiana State University, for the past seven years he has been engaged in research throughout the United States. This research involves the compiling of facts of sex practices throughout the country. The project is sponsored and supported by Indiana University, as well as by the Medical Division of the Rockefeller Foundation. The latter foundation is administrator for the Medical Division of the National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

Dr. KINSEY stated that in the course of his research, he discusses matters pertaining to sex with numerous and various persons in all walks of life. During these discussions, he believed that he would have heard of THE YOUTH WELFARE AND SERVICE CLUB, in the event its activities were of any large scope. He said not only had he not heard of the club, but he never heard of any club of the type indicated by the description of subject organization, as set out in reference report. It was Dr. KINSEY's opinion that the name and description of the club set out in the manual was merely subterfuge and that possibly the organization was solely a group commercializing on pornographic literature.

It should be noted that D_r. KINSEY stated that he wished to frankly admit that the entire success of the research he was doing, depended on his maintaining information he maintained in absolute confidence. He indicated, however, that in the case of subject organization and subjects, he was frankly stating that he had never heard of them and was not attempting to withhold confidences.

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PRIVATE POLL By FRITZ VOCELSANG

When I was at the barber's recently a man came into the store, introduced himself politely, and asked those present for permission to ask them questions. He asked about all sorts of things. He wanted to know how often and how much meat was eaten, how much one's weekly salary amounted to, whether one shaved every day, when and against whom a new war was to be expected, whether women teachers should remain single, who had the greatest prospects of being elected President, and a great many other things.

The interrogator was a man who was employed by a concern which is doing research on the attitude of the people and preparing statistics on this. The value of these official inquiries may be overestimated or underestimated, but it is certain that the results of such a poll of private citizens have gained an important place in the life of America.

Politicians especially lend an attentive ear to the voice of the people. Hence election years are good times for institutes for research on public opinion. Many Congressmen even—by paying for it, naturally—ascertain their election prospects themselves. If the results are unfavorable, then naturally they will not be published. The average limit of mistakes in predicting election results amounted to only 4%. It will, therefore, be quite interesting to follow the vacillations of popular opinion this year in the newspapers according to the figures.

The number of agents which the firms are using for listening to the population often amounts into the hundreds. Often, too, advertising businesses took part in the mass interviews. All classes of the population are questioned so that the answers coming from 3,000 to 50,000 persons represent a miniature picture of America. The two best-known experts in the field of the voting are Messrs. Callup and Roper.

Science too makes use of the methods of mass interrogation for its purposes. Prof. Kinsey and his co-workers recently published a book on the sexual life of the American man, which is based on the answers of 12,000 persons. As experts assure us, the important and sensational results of this work of research could scarcely have been achieved in any other way.

In the periodical "Fortune", figures were published a few months ago which are to be reproduced partly here. The poll was concerned with the following three questions:

